

22 Associations 100% In Cooperative Giving

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In 22 associations in Mississippi 100 percent of the churches channeled mission support through the Cooperative Program in 1977. This is five more than in 1976. In 16 additional associations all but one of the churches gave through the Cooperative Program and in 13 others all but two of the churches used this main channel of distribution of mission gifts.

I. EVERY CHURCH GAVE THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Name of Association	Director of Missions
1. ADAMS	Richard Pass
2. CLAY	J. C. Mitchell
3. COPIAH	Eugene Roberts
4. COVINGTON	L. B. Atchison
5. GEORGE	Horace Glass
6. GREENE	Horace Glass
7. GRENADA	Finley Evans
8. GULF COAST	
9. HOLMES	M. C. Johnson
10. HUMPHREYS	M. C. Johnson
11. JEFF-DAVIS	L. B. Atchison

In these three divisions with a total of 51 associations, 1,052 of the 1,094 total churches gave through the Cooperative Program. In addition to this enviable record, 723, or about two-thirds, of these gave more in 1977 than in 1976. Below is a table listing the names of the associations in alphabetical order found in the three top divisions and the names of the Directors of Missions or the Foster Missionary.

12. JONES	Maurice Flowers
13. LAMAR	Ray Grissett
14. LAWRENCE	George F. Lee
15. LINCOLN	Eugene Roberts
16. PEARL RIVER	Marvin K. Lee
17. PIKE	V. Daniel West
18. SHARKEY-ISSA	Hollis Bryant
19. SUNFLOWER	
20. UNION	Richard Pass
21. WALTHALL	George F. Lee
22. WARREN	Norman E. O'Neal

II. ONEY ONE CHURCH DID NOT GIVE THRU THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

1. ALCORN	W. C. Gann
2. FRANKLIN	Richard D. Pass
3. JASPER	W. E. Greene
4. KEMPER	Kermit Sharp
5. MARION	George F. Lee
6. MARSHALL	Arthur H. Leslie
7. MISSISSIPPI	John Paul Jones
8. NOXUBEE	R. S. McCrory
9. PERRY	Troy Sumrall
10. PRENTISS	Neil Moore
11. QUITMAN	Paul Blanchard
12. TALLAHATCHIE	Finley Evans

13. TISHOMINGO	W. C. Gann
14. WASHINGTON	David Mayhall
15. WAYNE	Wilson W. Boggan
16. YAZOO	Ray Grissett

III. TWO CHURCHES NOT GIVING THRU THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

1. BOLIVAR	Odus W. Henderson
2. DESOTO	Ervin Brown
3. ITAWAMBA	Lester Jones
4. JACKSON	Zeno Wells
5. LAFAYETTE	Arthur H. Leslie
6. LEAKE	W. C. Smith
7. LEBANON	Joel Dillard Ray
8. LEFLORE	M. C. Johnson
9. MONTGOMERY	A. Lavon Hatten
10. NEWTON	Charles Melton
11. OKTIBBEHA	J. C. Mitchell
12. RIVERSIDE	Danny Lee Prater
13. WEBSTER	James Drane

By the record thus established it would appear that in most of our associations the Cooperative Program is being accepted and promoted for its full value made evident over the past fifty years. It is the best plan whereby a church can unite its efforts with other Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists to support all of the work of world missions from "Jerusalem unto the uttermost part of the earth."



Southern Baptist Missionary Ralph V. Calcote (center), presides over a committee meeting as new chairman of the Japan Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). With him are Southern Baptist Missionary Max H. Love and Norma Lea (Mrs. Darrell A.) Mock, missionary associate, both working in Japan. (FMB photo)

Mississippi Native Named Chairman Of Japan Mission

TOKYO, Japan — Ralph V. Calcote, veteran missionary and evangelistic worker, has taken office as chairman of the Japan Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). Calcote was born on a farm in Lincoln County, Miss., and grew up in Brookhaven.

As chairman he hopes to foster continuing close cooperation between Baptist missionaries and local autonomous churches in every effort to evangelize Japan.

"Thirty years of cooperation have brought us to a marvelous time of victory and hope," he said. "It has given us the foundation for the autonomy in the convention and in its churches, which has brought them self-support in 1977."

"Springing from that sense of autonomy a new spirit of cooperation will usher in a great new day of evangelism throughout Japan," Calcote added. "I am grateful to God for the opportunity to share in that new day."

Calcote and his wife, the former Gena Wall of Louisiana, came to

Japan in 1951. They served in evangelism and associational work with churches in the industrial areas of North Kyushu and Nagoya before coming to Tokyo.

To Increase Missions Gift Goals

WMU Dedicates Building

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — During its executive board meeting here, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, approved organizational plans for 1979-80, studied WMU's role in the Bold Mission Thrust and North Central Missions Thrust emphases, and dedicated its building expansion.

Mrs. J. Frank Gilreath Jr., of Charlotte, vice-president, from North Carolina, presided over the meetings in the absence of Mrs. Harrison Gregory, national WMU president, who is convalescing from recent surgery.

Board members agreed that WMU's muscle in 1979-80 would be thrown behind a change in Baptist lifestyle to divert more resources into mission support. The WMU-emphasis will be called "Life - changing Commitments." It embraces and slants all WMU studies and activities outlined in a 446-page document called the WMU Dated Plan 1979-80.

The five-floor, \$500,000 addition to national office building was dedicated during the week. The building and associated remodeling is being completed two months ahead of schedule and is already three-fourths paid for from cash and interest on hand, with no funds borrowed.

Bold Mission Update
Carolyn Weatherford, national WMU executive director, gave an up-

date on the SBC's emphasis on the Bold Mission Thrust to reach the world for Christ and on the connected projects of Prayer Alert Network, Mission Service Corps and Volunteers in Missions.

In stressing the need for missionary volunteers, she reminded the general session that "special projects missionaries will not replace the need for career missionaries" and must not replace that need in our thoughts regarding volunteer service.

Foreign Mission Board Responds To World Need

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has approved the release of \$59,000 from general relief funds and \$14,000 from hunger relief funds for work in four countries.

At its January meeting the board appropriated the \$14,000 for work in Nicaragua, where drought and poor crops have accentuated a continuing hunger crisis. Food will be purchased to feed 281 families for about four months with half of the appropriation. The other \$7,000 will be used for the purchase of seed and agriculture-related materials for the planting of a new crop.

W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's hunger relief and disaster response consultant, said, "Although not the largest in dollars, this appropriation has been important in terms of the number of people helped."

Fire Destroys Home Of Kermit Sharp

The home of Kermit Sharp, director of associational missions in Kemper and Neshoba associations, was gutted by fire on Jan. 10.

Sharp, who lives in Philadelphia, was in his office adjoining the home when the fire broke out at about 11 a.m. There was not much damage to the office, Sharp reported, but the interior of the house was completely burned out. All of the furniture was lost, he said.

The missions director said damage

Mississippi Baptists' 1978 Evangelism Conference Feb. 6, 7, and 8 at First Baptist Church, Gulfport, will call attention to Bold Mission Thrust plans for evangelism in the state, according to Roy Collum, director of the Evangelism Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Five Mississippians will speak in as many sessions of the conference with messages titled "A Call to Boldness." The conference will open at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 6 (Monday), and the "Call to

Boldness" speaker for that session will be Maurice Flowers of Laurel. Flowers is director of associational missions for the Jones County Baptist Association.

The Tuesday morning session will open at 9 a.m. Speaking in the "Call to Boldness" time will be Tommy Tutor, pastor of First Baptist Church of Holly Springs.

Tom Hall, pastor of First Baptist Church of Purvis, will be the "Call to Boldness" speaker for Tuesday afternoon. That session will get under way

at 1:30 p.m.

Again at 6:45 p.m. the evening session will begin on Tuesday. During the "Call to Boldness" time the speaker will be Clyde Little, pastor of First Baptist Church of Forest.

The final speaker for the "Call to Boldness" series will be Larry Grafton, an evangelist of Laurel. That final session will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Each of the sessions will open with a music meditation by the instrumentalists followed by congregational music.

Included in the Bold Mission Thrust plans for Mississippi for this year will be witnessing training in both black and white churches. This training will be a prelude to simultaneous revivals throughout the state in black and in white churches in April of 1979.

Two major speakers for the conference will be Ken Chafin of Houston, Texas, and Paul Rees, an editor-at-large for World Vision magazine. Chafin will speak three times, on Monday evening, Tuesday morning, and Tuesday afternoon. He is now pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston.

Before that he was director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board. South Main is the largest church in Texas' largest city.

Rees will speak at each of the five sessions. He will be directing the Bible study.

The plans for simultaneous revivals in 1979 tie directly into the Evangelism Conference with the presence on the program of the two co-chairmen of an interracial committee on planning and coordinating the revivals. The co-chairmen are Earl Kelly, executive

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Forced Retiring Upheld; May Be Short-Lived

WASHINGTON (BP) — In a ruling that may have little or no lasting effect, the U. S. Supreme Court held here that employers may force some workers to retire before age 65.

The 7-2 decision came in the case of a former pilot for United Airlines, Harris S. McMann, of Alexandria, Va., who was involuntarily retired on his 60th birthday in 1973.

Six years earlier congress had passed the Age Discrimination in Employment Act forbidding "arbit-

rary age discrimination in employment" and seeking instead "to help employers and workers find ways of meeting problems arising from the impact of age on employment."

The law did make an exception for employers with "bona fide" retirement programs already in effect prior to passage of the law. United Airlines has had such a program since 1941.

The distinction may be academic, however, because both houses of con-

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Campbell Is News Director

NASHVILLE (BP) — Bracey (Buzz) Campbell, managing editor of the Nashville Banner, has accepted the position of supervisor of the news and information section of the Sunday School Board's office of communications, effective Jan. 23.

Campbell, 30, who has been directly responsible for the news operation of the afternoon daily paper, will also work with the

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Inch at a Time ...

Liquor Ads Next?

The old story about the camel and the tent is appropriate when applied to the liquor interests. The saying goes that if one allows a camel to get his nose underneath the edge of the tent, pretty soon the whole camel is in the tent.

So it is with liquor. The liquor interests will ask for only an inch at a time and have a pretty good argument as to why that inch will prevent no problems. Sometimes they even will argue that the inch will be beneficial.

They have their strategy planned well, however, and it is the mile that they have in mind obtaining in the long run. They are patient, but they can give us all a lesson in persistence. They never give up.

They have very little to be concerned about in Mississippi. It is the wettest dry state in the nation. They have taken a dry state and made it almost as open to liquor sales as it would be if it were legally wet and have even contrived to be able to sell liquor legally in dry areas that have refused to come out from under the dry status.

Now they are approaching what is perhaps their last major obstacle short of changing Mississippi officially from a dry to a wet state. A bill (HB 851) has been introduced in the House and been passed by a Ways and Means Subcommittee that would remove the present prohibition on the advertising of alcoholic beverages in the state. It

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Mission Teams Handle Projects In Bolivia

RICHMOND (BP) — Several teams of Southern Baptists have been involved in special projects in Bolivia since April but no definite date has been set for placing permanent missionaries there, according to J. Bryan Brasington, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Western South America, who gave an update on Bolivia at the board's January meeting.

Three groups have gone to Bolivia "helping and are getting good orientation," said Brasington, and experienced missionaries are prayerfully considering a transfer there.

Bolivia will not be added to the list of 30 Southern Baptist mission fields until missionaries are assigned there. Brasington said he was encouraged about beginning work there especially after receiving from a national Baptist map of Bolivia with this note attached: "Don't forget us. Come to Bolivia and help us."

In his report, Brasington also said

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Baptist Education Day

Staff members from all four of the Baptist colleges in Mississippi pose above during a recent planning session involving the observance of Baptist Seminary, College and School Day. Joined in their preparation by the chairman of the Mississippi Education Commission, Kermit McGreggor, center, the group planned a joint "mail-out" to approximately 1800 Mississippi pastors urging 100 per cent participation in Baptist Education-Sunday on February 19. From left, standing: Norman Gough, Mississippi College, Jean Jacobs, Clarke College, Robert Wall, Mississippi College, and James Bryant, Blue Mountain College. Seated: Johnnie Ruth Hudson, Mississippi College, McGreggor, and Marjorie Rowden, William Carey College. McGreggor is pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg and the meeting was held on the William Carey College campus.

Evangelism Meet To Stress Bold Missions

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secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Richard Porter, president of the East Mississippi Missionary Baptist Convention. He is also pastor of the Owens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Columbia. Porter will speak at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Kelly will deliver the closing message of the conference beginning

at 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday.

Two other speakers for the conference are Jerry Clower and Frank Crumpler. Clower is a resident of Yazoo City who has achieved nationwide recognition on recordings, radio, and television. He will deliver the closing message on Tuesday evening, beginning at 8:45.

Crumpler will speak Tuesday morn-

ing at 10:35 and on Wednesday morning at 10:15. He is director of evangelism planning and consultation on the staff of the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board.

The conference is scheduled to close at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday following Kelly's address. Jim Keith is pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport.



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Legislation: Bills Of Interest To Baptists

S. B. NO. 2596: (BY: SENATOR INGRAM) An act to amend Sections 63-11-21, 63-11-31, 63-11-37 and 63-11-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to eliminate the offenses of operating a vehicle while intoxicated; to prescribe a new penalty for operating a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor where results of a chemical test are available; to repeal Section 63-11-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, which establishes the offense of operating a vehicle while intoxicated; and for related purposes. JUDICIARY A.

S. B. NO. 2597: (BY: SENATOR INGRAM) An act to amend Section 63-11-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, to establish an education program for first offenders convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. JUDICIARY A.

S. B. NO. 2598: (BY: SENATOR INGRAM) An act to amend Section 63-11-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, to change the number of days required prior to a hearing. JUDICIARY A.

S. B. NO. 2599: (BY: SENATOR INGRAM) An act to amend Sections 63-11-5, 63-11-13, 63-11-19, 63-11-21 and 63-11-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, to increase to 180 the number of days of suspension of one's drivers license for refusal to take the chemical test under the Implied Consent Law; to transfer certain responsibilities under the Implied Consent Law from the State Board of Health to the State Crime Detection and Medical Examiner Laboratory; and for related purposes. JUDICIARY A.

S. B. NO. 2522: (BY: SENATORS PICKERING, CALDWELL) An act to establish the crimes of displaying pornographic matter and of promoting pornography for minors; to define certain terms; to provide penalties for violation thereof; to amend Section 27-17-281, Mississippi Code of 1972, to increase the privilege tax on motion picture exhibitors; and to repeal Sections 97-5-13 through 97-5-19, 97-29-33 through 97-29-41, and 99-31-1 through 99-31-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, which define and prohibit obscenity; prohibit previews of restricted motion pictures to be shown at the showing of a motion picture recommended for the general public, and set forth penalties and procedures for conviction; and for related purposes. JUDICIARY B.

BY: REPRESENTATIVES ABRAHAM, DISHARON AND BRYAN

H. B. NO. 724: An act to amend Sections 63-11-5, 63-11-13, 63-11-19, 63-11-21 and 63-11-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, to transfer the responsibilities under the Implied Consent Law from the State Board of Health to the Crime Detection and Medical Examiner Laboratory and to increase to 180 days the suspension for refusal to submit to a test under the Implied Consent Law; and for related purposes. JUDICIARY B.

BY: REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM

H. B. NO. 735: An act to amend Section 67-1-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, to make it a misdemeanor for a customer of the holder of a package retailer's permit to drink or consume any alcoholic beverages in, on or about the premises covered by such permit; and for related purposes. WAYS AND MEANS.

Black Woman Named Consultant For WMU/HMB

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — A black woman has been named consultant in cooperative ministries with National Baptists in a joint effort of the Home Mission Board and the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Margaret Perkins, 30, of Birmingham, will begin as consultant on Jan. 30, with an office in Birmingham. Emmanuel McCall, director of the Home Mission Board's Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, said she will work mostly in Birmingham with the WMU but her salary will be paid by the Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board and the WMU have shared consultants in the past but this is the first time a consultant has been named to work with the predominantly black National Baptist groups.

The WMU has wanted to have a black person help in preparation of mission action materials, McCall said. The majority of Mrs. Perkins' work will be with the WMU and she will be available as a consultant to the Home Mission Board.

"They also felt that because of the large number of black Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention they needed someone to help relate SBC structure and terminology to these black churches," McCall said. "Some National Baptist WMU's were attempting to relate to SBC WMU's, and this person will be able to assist in that role."

Mrs. Perkins and her husband, Bill, were serving as appointed home missionaries when she accepted the new position. Her husband will continue as director of interracial ministries in Birmingham. "They are both talented persons with a lot to offer," McCall said.

Forced Retiring...

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gress recently passed new amendments to the 1967 law making it illegal for employers to force retirement before age 70 for any reason. That measure is currently in a conference committee of both houses. It is expected to receive final passage and be signed into law by the President early next year.

Chief Justice Warren E. Berger, who wrote the majority opinion, stated that the intent of congress in passing the original 1967 law was to make exceptions for "the countless bona fide retirement plans" already in effect.

While acknowledging that "we do not pass on the wisdom of fixed mandatory retirements at a particular age," the court went on to declare that United Air Lines' 1941 retirement plan "cannot be a subterfuge to evade an act passed 26 years later."

Justice Thurgood Marshall suggested in a dissenting opinion that older workers adversely affected by the ruling have a "simple route" to regain their jobs: they "need only reapply for the vacancy created by (their) retirement" because the law clearly prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age.

The U. S. Department of Labor estimates that 11 million American workers may be temporarily affected by the court's decision.

World Disaster

Davis L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, challenged WMU to keep abreast of world disaster and hunger. "A way must be found to keep Southern Baptists involved in emergency relief," he said, "not just during offering time."

The three area secretaries stressed the need for continued prayer support and increased financial support. "The devaluation of the American dollar hurts," said William R. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia. "So far the increase in Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Offering receipts has just kept us one step ahead of inflation."

Board Names Campbell To News Position

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Sunday School Board bureau of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He joined the Banner in 1971. He has worked on the copy desk, as a political reporter and chief political reporter and became managing editor in January 1976. Prior to 1971 Campbell worked for the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger for six years.

At the Sunday School Board he will direct an expanded and more aggressive coverage of the Sunday School Board's mission and work, according to Lloyd Householder, director of communications. "Brace Campbell brings a new quality of media experience which the board needs to better inform persons in Southern Baptist churches and the public at large."

Japanese Assembly

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(Mrs. Charles L.) Whaley, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. The staff had just begun celebrating a three-day national holiday and there was no conference in session at the time.

Damage to buildings is estimated at \$25,630, according to Shigeyoshi Suzuki, treasurer of the Japan Baptist Convention. But total loss will be thousands of dollars higher because of income lost due to future cancellations.

Hiroshi Yoshioka, manager of Amagi, says that the tile roof over the small chapel fell, walls crumbled, and windows, dishes and kitchen equipment were broken.

Amagi has been in operation since the mid-1950s and is "one of the finest retreat centers in Japan," according to George H. Hays, East Asia secretary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The center is owned and operated by the Japan Baptist Convention.

It was reported that the earthquake, which registered seven on the Richter scale, shook the entire chain of Japanese islands and was followed by more than 100 tremors of diminishing magnitude. These were expected to continue for about two weeks.

Alley To Chair New U of R Studies Program

RICHMOND (BP) — Robert S. Alley, until recently chairman of the department of religion at the University of Richmond, has been appointed chairman of the newly created area studies program.

Alley, a tenured professor, reportedly requested the transfer following a heated response from many Virginia Baptists, when he told a group of atheists in an address Dec. 6 that Jesus "... never really claimed to be God or to be related to Him."

University of Richmond President E. Bruce Heilman said the new position had been planned "for someone, prior to all that has transpired." The area studies program will provide interdisciplinary study in American studies, classical civilization, Russian

"We are happy to welcome a man of Mr. Campbell's ability and rich background," said Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board. "His understanding of the news field and warm acceptance by the general public will greatly enhance the news service of the board. We're delighted at the coming of this dedicated, Christian newsmen."

Campbell is a graduate of Mississippi College and is a deacon at Nashville's First Baptist Church, a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the board of trust of Nashville's Baptist Hospital, and the Exchange Club. He is also president-elect of the Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors' Association.

Campbell's grandfather was a longtime professor at Mississippi College and wrote the Sunday School lessons for the Baptist Record. His father, L. Frank Campbell, was a Jackson pastor who died last year.

Mission Teams In Bolivia

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missionary Richard A. Forrester, who in May 1976 was critically injured in a fall from a Venezuelan mountain, is scheduled to return soon to the field.

"A 20th century miracle occurred," Brasington said. "Even though his right leg had to be amputated, he is now in excellent health." Forrester and his family have been living in Georgia and were scheduled to leave for Maracaibo on January 18.

FMB Allots Relief Funds

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tion and overall planning with other relief agencies.

Also appropriated from general relief funds were \$5,000 to replenish a standing benevolent ministries fund in Korea and \$4,000 to help train young women in the Bahamas so they can get better jobs.

area studies, and urban studies.

University trustees met on several occasions in the days following Alley's address and on December 23 Heilman, who earlier had apologized for Alley's comments, reported Alley would, at his own request, be named to a new position "where he might be more effective under the circumstances."

Alley's new assignment will be general administrative responsibility for the four area concentrations in the area studies program. Each program, according to the president, will be supervised by a coordinating committee of faculty.

No announcement has been made concerning chairmanship for the department of religion.

Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Dedicates Building

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our nation are beset with alcoholism and emotional illness."

Prime Effort

She emphasized that WMU leaders should give prime effort to establishing some form of WMU action in the 35 percent of Southern Baptist churches that report no WMU organization at present.

Summarizing strides taken by the WMU staff in the past year, she cited contacts with Baptist college presidents, state convention executive secretaries, state Baptist paper editors, associational directors of missions, missionaries, and seminaries.

Helen (Mrs. Robert) Fling, WMU promotion associate in areas new to Southern Baptist work, spoke on the

progress of the North Central Missions Thrust, a plan of seven North Central states to double Baptist work there by 1990. She impressed on the assembly, "It is more than a North Central or a Bold Mission Thrust, it is God's thrust for us." Mrs. Fling reported on the response to WMU's prayer partner project matching North Central states with partnership states throughout the convention.

Also during the week, state WMU staff and Executive Board members heard a forum on women in missions presented by Foreign Mission Board employee Edna Francis Dawkins; Helen Falls, missions professor from New Orleans Seminary; and furloughing missionaries, Nancy Lee Bridges of Philippines, Joy Fenner of Japan, Estelle Freeland of Ivory Coast, Sittie

Givens of South Brazil, and Betty McKinley of Bangladesh.

In an update on home missions, William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, commended WMU, saying, "Home missions owes WMU a debt for the leadership they have given through promoting financial and prayer support over the years." Tanner presented a handcarved dulcimer, representing home missions in Appalachia, for display in the WMU building.

Three area secretaries from the Foreign Mission Board brought greetings from Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, who is recovering from a heart attack, and told of work in their areas and Bold Mission plans in foreign missions. Cauthen thanked WMU for support in prayer for mis-

sions around the world, support in depth of mission study and the leadership in giving for the cause of missions."

J. Bryan Brasington, secretary for Western South America, voiced concern for political changes in South America and throughout the world. "Missionaries make some preparation for military coups and the like. But for long term problems we see the 'house church' as the means by which Baptist work can longer exist under Communism."

The board voted to increase the goals for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions by 10 percent each year through 1982.

Lottie Moon Biography

WMU also decided to enter into contract with Broadman Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, to produce a new biography of Lottie Moon in June 1980. The author will be Catherine B.

Allen, assistant to the WMU executive director. WMU asked Broadman to produce and market a filmstrip about the work Mission Friends, WMU program for preschoolers.

In the final session, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, told the Board that the term "Bold Mission" was first used by former national WMU president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, in advance planning done in 1968.

Routh urged WMU to continue to contribute to the success of the movement to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world by stressing missions education for every Baptist, pushing the study of missions in the Bible, getting people involved in volunteer and career missions opportunities, and promoting the Cooperative Program more boldly.

Volunteer Layman Ministers In Prison Yards, On Death Row

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Baptist volunteer layman Ted Landgraf watched as a prisoner with a sweater pulled up over his head walked unswervingly toward the concertina-topped fence.

Twelve feet before the prisoner reached the fence, Landgraf grabbed him by the sweater: "Hold on, and let me talk to you a few minutes — before you go over that fence."

The prisoner, Salvatore Pastore, sentenced to 123 years in prison, may have been surprised by Landgraf's per-

ception. Later, Pastore admitted he thought, "I'll hit the fence and they'll shoot me down and get it over with."

Although he may have wanted to pull away — and although he argued with Landgraf, "What's the use? I've lost everything, my family, my friends. I've got no reason to live," Pastore listened.

"Nothing is so bad that you can't give me five minutes of your time. Then I'll let you do what you want," Landgraf told him.

The two men sat down on the bottom row of bleachers and talked about the

meaning of the Christian life. And that afternoon, 38-year-old Salvatore made a profession of faith. "We were emotionally high," Landgraf recalled. "We were sitting there, crying like babies, hugging each other around the neck."

Pastore later was paroled, got a job in Orlando and joined a church.

The two men have maintained correspondence. Insists Pastore, "The day I met Ted, I was gone — it was over. I wasn't a Christian, but he tells me he loves me."

Pastore is only one of the prisoners touched by Landgraf who recently took an early retirement from a managerial position with Southern Bell, so he could spend more time with Florida prisoners.

One of his regular visits is to R-wing, or death row. Some of the men respond. Some don't. Landgraf is able to sign some up for Bible study courses. One prisoner on death row learned to read and write since he became a Christian. He's completed six Bible correspondence courses and his ongoing goal is to "learn more about the Lord."

Chaplain Austin Brown said there are more professions of faith in maximum security and death row because the men "have more time to do some serious thinking."

Brown called volunteers, like Landgraf, "miniature pastors, death row chaplains."

"Ted's really got rapport with these guys. No matter what they say, he doesn't give up on them."

Like other prisoner volunteers, Landgraf has been cursed, ridiculed, spat upon and even encircled by a dozen testy Black Muslims determined to convert him to their faith.

Yet, the 63-year-old persists in his work. "I'm not going to live many more years," he philosophizes. "This gives me the opportunity to do more work for the Lord."



Ted Landgraf and other volunteers pray at the Duval County jail before visiting prisoners. (PHOTO BY KEN TOUCHTON)

Autrey Leaves Memphis For Utah Mission

C. E. Autrey, long-time Southern Baptist leader, has moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he will serve as pastor of University Southern Baptist Church and as professor in the chair of religion connected with the University of Utah.

The chair of religion is being financed by the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board.

Autrey was director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board and taught evangelism at two SBC-owned seminaries, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Since his retirement, Autrey has taught at the independent Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis. Autrey said that he was pleased that the opportunity had opened for him to move to the pioneer mission project in Utah.

Autrey is the author of seven books and has preached throughout the world, including two Baptist World Congresses and three Southern Baptist Conventions.



Carter Endorses Church-Related Colleges

President Carter expresses interest in strengthening church-related education to Ben C. Fisher, executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention during a White House conference Dec. 16. Fisher and 19 other executives of 17 denominational boards of higher education met with Carter to discuss concerns of independent colleges and universities in relation to government. The President asked Elizabeth Abramowitz, assistant director for education, White House Domestic Policy Office, to be available to discuss problems of church-related colleges. Abramowitz asked the group of educators to share with her office suggestions for legislation on higher education. According to Fisher, "We believe that this is a significant breakthrough." The educational leaders met in Washington Jan. 9 for a follow-up meeting. (White House Photo)

The Missions Task Keys To Fund-Raising

By John Alexander, Director Stewardship Department

Because no convention will ever be financially able to hire enough professional fund-raisers, it is imperative that pastors, and other staff members who wish to be successful in their calling, learn to raise money. Paul the Apostle found himself involved in this pursuit and the book of II Corinthians states his program of Christian giving. For the successful pastor, fund-raising is not an option. Let it never be forgotten that leadership in itself is always the key factor in successful fund-raising, whatever the cause, whatever the goal, and whatever the scope of the campaign.

The successful fund-raiser thinks and acts like a dedicated professional. He has poise, stability, perspective, and a proper respect for the rules and traditions of his craft.

Poise probably comes first, because one's first duty is to help generate an atmosphere of confidence in the cause. He must avoid getting on the defensive and is hospitable to so-called "new ideas." He admits error promptly and cheerfully and personally assumes the blame. He has capacity for indignation about the right things but rarely loses his temper. He knows the difference between accomplishment and mere activity and allocates his time and energy accordingly. He soon learns that shooting from the hip misses many targets, pleases few people, and engenders more distrust than confidence.

He learns quickly to respect the time factor. He knows that every pickle has to soak a while and he learns to allow enough soak time. He is leary of short cuts and has respect for established sequences. He is aware that the further the campaign periphery is extended, the less productive the results, and that banks and builders alike don't count percentage of participation, just money.

Every fund-raiser should learn more about writing. Four prose virtues will help: clarity, grace, vigor, and brevity. Eschew the big and fancy words and stay away from the meaningless and inexact words. Keep it simple, to be sure, but let even brevity have its heartbeat. Remember that English in our field is not written, but rewritten. Have your copy checked, for copy that goes through unscathed is copy that comes out unsung. Let a pastor staff member become too professional, it is best observed that the real professional always seeks the first-class counsel of first-class laymen.

In turn, the laymen do well to remember that cheap help is the most expensive help and that the best investment any church can make, at almost any price, is an investment in top staff — people with integrity, stability, loyalty, and common sense. Top staff play for the long haul rather than immediacy. The honorable career means more to them than any temporary triumph. They are used to working with top people, so they are not easy to impress. Top staff are in the habit of always advocating higher standards and optimum performance. They know that laymen expect the unrelenting exertion of sensible pressure and polite but firm insistence on the tested laws and sequences of fund-raising.

It is well always to remember the statement attributed to John R. Mott, "Blessed are the money-raisers! For in heaven they shall stand next to the martyrs."

The pastor who fails to become an expert, or professional, in the field of fund-raising is severely limiting the effectiveness of his ministry for the rest of his life. Thank about it!

March "Participation" Workshop Planned

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Two faculty members at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here are experimenting with a new approach to an old problem.

The old problem is widespread non-

involvement of church members in

business meetings, committee assignments, and other church activities.

The new approach is "participation-

training."

Seminary professors F. Russell Bennett and Lucien Coleman will conduct a workshop March 12-16 at the seminary on the approach, described as, "an experience-based strategy for developing participation skills."

Coleman indicates that church members do not take part in some activities because they lack the skill to do so.

"Church leaders," he says, "just assume that people in their congregations have a natural ability to function in the church's social system. But effective participation in decision-making processes, study programs, and committee work requires communication skills which must be learned. And they can best be learned through practice in a laboratory setting."

The March workshop, for pastors, ministers of education, and other church leaders, will emphasize development of participation skills through simulation techniques and other experimental learning methods.

Those interested in further information about the workshop may write to Russell Bennett, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206 or call (502) 897-4118 in Kentucky, or, toll-free, (800) 626-5525 from other states.

"The First 1,000 Days" is a study of the factors that lead to an effective beginning of a new pastorate.

Registration for both seminars is limited to 35 persons. The registration fee is \$30 and should be sent to the Registration Office, Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

MC Seminary Extension Offers Spring Courses

The Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center will again be offering courses for the spring semester, it was announced by Eugene I. Farr, director.

The courses, beginning March 6 and running through May 9, will meet on Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 until 9 p.m.

Courses taught on Monday nights will include How to Understand the Bible, an introduction to the study of the Bible and a required course for a Seminary Extension Certificate, taught by Dr. E. R. Pinson, former Chairman of the Division of Religion at the college; and Introduction to the Old Testament, Part II, a survey of the last twenty-nine books of the Old Testament, taught by Dr. Eugene I. Farr, director of the seminary extension center.

Tuesday night courses will include Introduction to the New Testament, Part I, a survey of the life of Christ, taught by Dr. E. R. Pinson; Pastoral Care, a study of the role of the pastor

as "shepherd of the flock," taught by Dr. Joe Stovall, pastor of the Parkhill Baptist Church, Jackson; Fundamentals of Music, an introduction to the basic skills of reading, understanding and directing music, taught by Bill Bacon, minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Clinton; and Leadership Development, a study of methods of discovering, enlisting, training, and guiding leaders in the church, taught by Dr. E. I. Farr.

Courses are open to anyone 16 years or older but college credit can be earned only by those with a high school diploma.

The cost is \$12.00 per course which includes registration, study guide and tuition. Textbooks, which must be purchased separately, may be purchased at the Extension Center.

Registration is currently underway and will continue until the second class meeting. For further information, contact Dr. Eugene I. Farr at 924-6527 or write him at 203 West Lakeview Dr., Clinton, MS 39056.

Taxation

ALBANY, N. Y. (RNS) — A state supreme court judge has ruled that residents of Hardenburgh, N. Y., who became ministers of the Universal Life Church to protest rising taxes were removed from town tax rolls improperly.

Last year, 211 of the 236 adult residents of the town of low-income loggers, farmers and laborers became ministers to protest the erosion of the area's property tax base by Zen Buddhists, Tibetan monks, the Boy Scouts and other tax-exempt groups.

The town assessor of Hardenburgh, Robert Kerwick, granted tax exemptions to the mail-order ministers as did assessors in New York communities of Liberty, Rochester and New Paltz.

But, Justice Robert J. Miner has ruled that the assessor did not follow "ample guidelines" established by the court to determine whether the California-based church is a religion under state law.

The Justice did not answer the question of the Universal Life Church's status for tax purposes, ruling only on the procedure followed by the tax assessors.

He adopted a position articulated earlier by the State Attorney General, saying the state's Board of Equalization and Assessment has the authority to compel local assessors to comply with its orders. In this instance, the four assessors refused to comply. The attorney for the assessors said this portion of the ruling would be appealed.

Because his ruling came so late in the year, the justice said the ministers would be exempt from taxes next year. Within that time, he said, it will be up to the town's Board of Assessment Reviews to determine if they should be restored to the tax rolls.

This may cause more problems in Hardenburgh, however, because the three members of the review board are members of the Universal Life Church.

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Fires Of Evangelism . . .

Conference Can Warm Us

At this point in time it is cold and snowing in Jackson. The streets are iced over and there is virtually no traffic. The town is almost closed down.

The weather reports have stated continually that these conditions exist everywhere in the state except along the coast. And on the coast is where the annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference will be held Feb. 6, 7, and 8. Perhaps by that time all the roads will have thawed out and we can

all go to the conference and get warm. Getting warmed up has a pleasant connotation, and it is not all relative to escaping the cold weather. This will be a time when we can all get warmed up spiritually as well as physically.

The Evangelism Conference traditionally is a time for warming the spirit. It is a time of inspirational addresses and soul-stirring music. There is no business to transact and no officers to elect. It is a time for feeding the

soul, for stoking the fires of evangelism, and for getting ready spiritually to go find the losers and tell them how it is to be on the winning side. We know we have already won our battle with Satan's forces because we turned the fight over to the Lord; but there are a lot of people who are still on the losing side, and they need to be converted.

As I have enjoyed the fireplace dur-

ing this cold weather I have watched the big fires gradually dwindle down until there is only a glow. Even those glowing coals will grow cold when separated from the main body of the fire. When the fire is dying away, however, I can go to the fire place and stoke it up. Instantly the fire begins to blaze again and warm up the room.

That is what the Evangelism Conference can do for us.—DTM

An Inch at a Time . . .

Liquor Advertising Next?

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was introduced last week by Rep. Doug Abraham of Greenville and assigned to the Ways and Means Committee of the House. It is assumed that the strategy will be to move the bill as rapidly as possible before opposition can be developed by those who see it for what it is. It has already passed a Subcommittee. By the time this is read the bill may be on the floor of the House. It would have served the interests of those supporting the bill to have gotten it out of the committee early this week. In case there is a chance, however, we are running a list in this issue (Page 2) of the members of the House Ways and Means Committee. In view of the possibility that it may be out of committee already we are printing also a list of the entire House makeup and the counties which the members represent.

In the first place, the bill does not make sense. How can it be reasonable to advertise something for sale when the sale is illegal? Mississippi is legally dry. Liquor is sold over a large portion of the state because of a strange local option possibility that allows a political subdivision to come out from under the dry status. That was Step 1 in the inch at a time program. Step 2 was making provision for liquor to be sold in a dry area in installations owned by municipalities that are wet.

This HB 851 could well be Step 3 in the process of making Mississippi totally wet. Advertising has tremendous powers of persuasion, as is attested by the millions upon millions of dollars so spent.

The proponents of the bill say that the media, mostly newspapers and magazines, in the state are being denied 3 to 4 million dollars annually in

advertising revenue due to prohibition of liquor advertising. This money will not be spent without results expected. A number of those publications would not take it if it were offered, however, so it comes down to benefitting only a few — if it is a benefit. And if it does benefit some financially, the benefit has to be weighed against the damage that will be done by the advertising. In addition to this being a step toward totally wet status the persuasive power of the advertising will change the lives of untold numbers of people — those who are influenced to buy the liquor and those who don't use it but are damaged by those who do.

So in the second place the bill is irresponsible for the damage it will cause. It remains to be seen whether the Baptists in this state can call a halt to proposed legislation that is so poten-

tially dangerous. Now is the time to find out.

Letters and phone calls to the members of the Ways and Means Committee and to the proper representatives in the House would be advisable. We have let liquor inch its way along until we face a desperate situation. And we must not be deceived. Allowing liquor to flow freely does not do away with crime and underhanded dealings. In this respect, attention is called to a guest editorial on Page 4. It was written shortly after the New Year's holiday.

And we must not be deceived on another thing. The more liquor is advertised the more it will flow. We can halt the progress of liquor right here, or we can ignore it and let it move right along. It is up to us.

Guest Editorial . . .

Of Thugs, Jugs, Cabbages, Kings

The Mississippi State Tax Commission made a serious mistake in relaxing its regulation that bars close by midnight. The City of Jackson erred equally by stringing along with the state's blunder last weekend.

There's an old saying that if a guy can't get soured by midnight, he just isn't trying.

All that was achieved by this maneuver was to put a foot into the door to relax liquor laws that permit — even into the Sabbath longer drinking hours in non-resort areas.

New political appointees on the State

Tax Commission may be reminded that the purpose of the Alcohol Beverage Control Act is to CONTROL — not PEDdle — booze.

Until now the ABC has operated with essential acceptability and respectability as opposed to the laughable days of the "Black Market" tax when the liquor business in Mississippi was conducted behind the green fence, from the hip pocket and with law of offices; palms greased as slick as a bucket of Tennessee lard.

In discovering the unannounced scheme to permit longer bar time, the

Jackson Daily News found an air of confusion among Jackson bar managers because of uncertainty over the City of Jackson's policy on the matter allegedly involving a letter from the tax commission to OK the longer hours.

The ABC came into being to put an end to the days when bootleggers were kings and gambling joints sprang up too frequently in connection with the illegal traffic. Often bodies would be found floating to the surface of rivers and ponds, most of the time their identities never known — just the case of

another unpaid gambling debt.

For this traffic, a sheriff or other law enforcement officer of that day had only to say, "Where's my diamond stickpin, stud?"

Those of us who sought legalized and state controlled liquor sales hoped those gangster days were over. The changed rules leave cause for worry that the days of acceptability and respectability of the liquor traffic might be getting short and an era of palm greasing, cabbages and kings may be dawning to the shame of all.

Jackson Daily News

Letters To The Editor

Womanless Wedding

Dear Sir:

In regards to an article by E. N. Sullivan in the Baptist Record on January 12, 1978, I would like to express my opinion.

It stated that some churches were the victims of the wrong kind of leadership. Maybe so, but our church called a fine young God-called minister, who preaches the things that God would have him preach.

Our deacons are dedicated Christian men who see that the business of the church is carried on in a God-like way.

In regard to the Womanless Wedding:

We had one; it was enjoyed by everyone who attended, and the church was full. There was nothing ungodly about it. After the "wedding," we had a harvest supper for which we gave thanks to the Lord for the many blessings He had given us through the year. A wonderful Christian fellowship was had by all.

The article asked the question, "Was Jesus there?" If He was I think He was there trying to get their attention to proclaim as He did in the Temple long ago. "Take these things hence." Read John 2:13-16.

The fact is that the Bible points out that Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple because they were selling oxen, sheep, and doves at a large profit, not because they were exchanging money, as this was a common practice in the New Testament days. There was no money made at this wedding.

In answer to the question, "Was Jesus there?" Yes, Jesus was there, because He told us that "where two or three were gathered together in my name, there I will be also."

Christians are not supposed to go around with long faces. Christians are supposed to be a happy people. Proverbs 17:22 says "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Proverbs 15:13 says "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart, the spirit is broken."

To quote the article again: "The thing was held there in the sanctuary, where many real weddings had been performed, where funerals for the saints had been conducted, where the gospel had been proclaimed, there in the midst of God's house."

One wonders if all the weddings at which that writer has officiated been only for Christians? Have all the funerals been for Christians only? If a person is a non-Christian, should we refuse to bring him into the church to have his funeral? The past tense was used in "where the gospel had been proclaimed." The gospel is being proclaimed still.

Mrs. Mary Lou Neal
Crystal Springs, MS

Slide Trays Available

Dear Sir:

During a robbery in our home, our Kodak Cavalcade Projector N0500 was stolen. I now have 30 slide trays, that fit that particular projector. As they have stopped making this projector, I would like to give them to a missionary, or someone in Christian work. Could you run an ad or something in the Record in hopes that we can find someone who can use them.

Mrs. Edith M. Knopf
506 Dinton Rd.
Clinton, MS 39056

Documents And Data

Dear Sir:

One of the most keenly felt responsibilities of the Serials Division of Fleming Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is its role as a repository for Baptist documents and data. In order to obtain a complete collection, we are requesting all the associations of your readership to place us on their annual minutes mailing list. If each association could send

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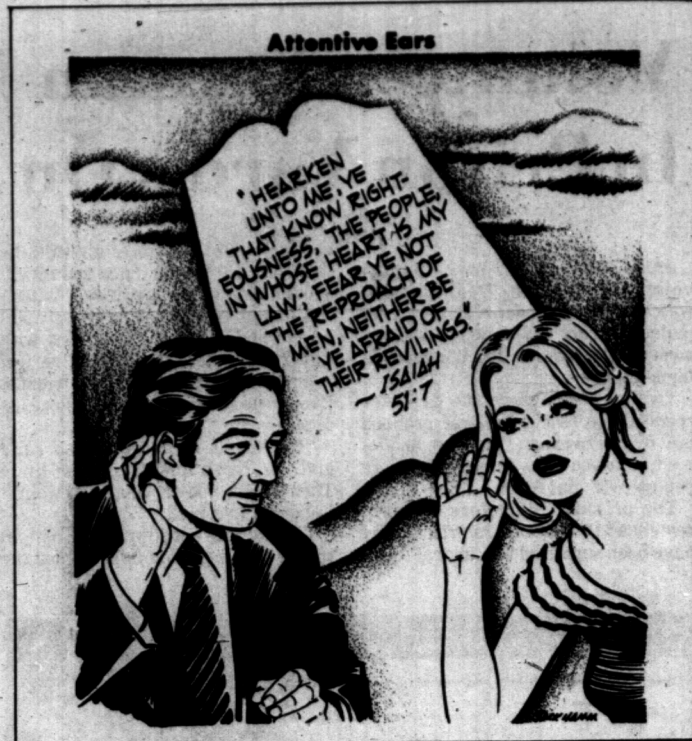
Cooperative Program

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs please let me express a sincere and warm thank you to Baptists of Mississippi for their contribution of \$9,607.51 to our agency during the past fiscal year. Your support of the Cooperative Program has substantially aided our corporate and visible Baptist witness in public affairs. Through the exercise of their religious liberty, Baptists have markedly contributed to the guarantees of separation of church and state and the defense of human rights at home and abroad.

We are grateful for your continued and generous support and rededicate ourselves to strengthening the mission of the church and the witness of Baptists in public affairs for the coming year.

James E. Wood, Jr.
Executive Director
Baptist Joint Committee
on Public Affairs



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

The writer of Ecclesiastes says that to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. The time of the snow came to Mississippi last week.

When the oak leaves turned brown in the fall I wasn't sure we would have snow, but I knew that winter was on its way. I'm just as certain that spring will come again, and the forsythia will explode its yellow blossoms against the back yard fence.

The other Thursday the bridges and trees were icing over in Jackson, but I had appointments in Pascagoula. I took the red ice scraper that W. D. had bought for me — to match my red car — scraped the ice off my windshield, and left for Jackson County.

After I'd interviewed Zeno Wells, director of missions, and Joey Hancock, pastor of Arlington Heights Church, I went to visit my friends, Dr. and Mrs. Allen Webb. He was my good pastor for some ten years at Daniel Memorial Church, and I had not been to their house since they moved to Pascagoula and he became pastor of Ingalls Avenue Church. I spent a warm and unforgettable hour with them on South Shore Drive, beside the sea. I feasted on blueberry pie and coffee and admired the pictures of the newest grandbabies.

There's a little inlet that comes right up to their back door and from the second-story terrace Leila Mae and I could see a beautiful flock of wild ducks swimming on the water. Even though it was very cold, a cactus plant (I think it was a cactus) on the patio was beginning to unfurl its pink flowers. Leila Mae had covered the plant with a raincoat, as protection from the predicted freeze.

I decided to stay at a motel in Biloxi. It is one that I usually like very much, but that night everything seemed to go wrong. The rain and the biting wind from off the water lowered my spirits.

In my room I turned the thermostat as high as it would go, but the air still felt icy. My head was pounding and my nose was dripping and I felt as if I were

having a chill. I got under all the blankets I could find, but was still cold, so I decided to take a good hot steamy bath. Surprise. No hot water.

I was a little uneasy because I could not get the safety lock on the door to turn, though I was confident that the door was locked. I tried to watch television, but it was too far away from the bed for me to see or hear; if I got out of bed to watch it, I was too cold. Finally I took two aspirins and went to sleep.

Next morning it was snowing — the first time I'd ever seen snow in Biloxi. I didn't feel like driving, but I drove anyway, because I wanted to be home again. I was in snow nearly all the way to Clinton, but the road was not slick. The next four or five days I spent in bed with the flu — or some respiratory ailment that made me pretty miserable!

Then the snow really came to Clinton, in great whirling flakes. I was sitting by the window thinking a little, wondering what to write about. My whole back yard was a fresh clean white. A dozen or so blackbirds had gathered for a party with bread crumb refreshments. One grey squirrel had dared to come, too, invited or not. Then I noticed a cardinal swaying on a downswerving bare limb, patiently waiting its turn — not quite daring to crash the party. The minute the blackbirds left, the redbird swooped down, grabbed half a biscuit, and was gone.

As I watched the tableau in the snow I was filled with a mixture of joy and sadness. Joy because of the sheer beauty of the world outside my window, and the warmth of the fire inside. Joy because of God's wonderful gift of life. Yet I felt sadness, too, for birds and animals — and people — who were cold and hungry and sick, lonely and ill.

But I knew that as sure as the redbird had followed the blackbirds that spring will follow winter, for God still holds the world in the hollow of his hand.

Book Reviews

JULIAN CARROLL OF KENTUCKY by Charles Paul Conn (Revell, 126 pp., \$5.95) Can a Christian be a politician? Can he carry his Christian principles into the realm of practical politics, and live for Christ without compromise. Those who know Kentucky politics, know that sometimes it can be rough. Yet, here is a boy from Heath, a crossroads village near Paducah, in the far western end of Kentucky, who made his way to the top in state politics, and now is serving as governor of that state. As governor, as well as all along the way up, Julian Carroll has remained true to his Christian faith, and faithfully active in his church, (Cumberland Presbyterian, and although he is the youngest man ever to serve as governor in Kentucky, he would like to be remembered, not for that, but as being a Christian governor.

\$3.59, 144 pp.) All of us share with Job a night of troubles that blankets all. In this new book, an experienced Bible teacher looks into Job's night, and into ours. He searches for the color of the night — and for answers to the questions: Does it hold a star? a rainbow? a presence? He presents 142 brief and easily readable meditations. He chose to reflect on Job because "it nourishes our sense of wonder and helps us live with mystery, enabling us to let God be God, even during his silences."

In his latest book, *In The Awe Of The Ordinary*, C. Welton Gaddy makes an extraordinary and eloquent plea for an awareness of God in the common stuff of life. The grace of God is pervasive, redemptive faith may be practiced and the personal presence of Christ may be experienced in the routine and mundane. Biblical, scholarly, challenging, mind-stretching, faith inspiring, service motivating and esthetically satisfying — all these descriptions fit this profoundly practical treatise about simple things. I commend it to any growing Christian. (Broadman, \$3.95).

J. Clark Hensley

SITTING BY MY LAUGHING FIRE by Ruth Bell Graham (Word Books, 245 pp., \$17.95) This is a beautifully designed book of warm, personal poetry. In it the reader meets the real person who is Ruth Bell Graham and enters into the hopes and joys, fears and loves of her life. Though all the poems are not autobiographical, they stretch through nearly all the writer's life, from her girlhood in China to college to live as Mrs. Billy Graham. Sensitive, full-color photographs by Don Young illustrate some of the poems and capture the beauty of the Graham home near Montreal, North Carolina. It is a superb book that anyone would be proud to own, especially a lover of poetry.

THE COLOR OF THE NIGHT by Gerhard Frost (Augsburg, paper,

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Pastor Hancock and associate pastor, Rusty Von Kanel, point to the church's slogan for 1978.

Fastest Growing

"We Grow" As Result Of Prayer, Visits, Hard Work

By Anne McWilliams
"Church Splits!" Pascagoula newspaper readers saw the headline and hastily looked for the rest of the story: "Arlington Heights Baptist Church has a big problem—where to put everybody. They plan to solve this by beginning two Sunday morning worship services."
"Here We Grow Again!" Travelers driving east on Highway 90 can't miss the billboard with the 1978 slogan of Arlington Heights, the third fastest growing Southern Baptist church in Mississippi and the 74th fastest growing church in the Southern Baptist Convention.
This is according to a Home Mission Board survey which based its statistical findings on data from Uniform Church Letters.
Why is the Pascagoula church growing? "Fine pastoral leadership, well-trained and hard-working lay leaders, and continual increase of homes and people in the area. I think these are the keys to the growth," said Zeno Wells.



Joey Hancock, pastor, left, and Zeno Wells, Jackson County director of missions, agree on the reasons for the church's growth.

director of missions for Jackson County Baptists.
"Our round-the-clock intercessory prayer ministry and our aggressive visitation program. These are keys, too," added Joey Hancock, pastor. "God has moved in a powerful way here, and the people are excited about what God is doing. There is a tremendous feeling of love and fellowship and cooperation."
"This is a mission-minded church," he continued, "and I can't give the former pastor, Bob Horner, enough credit. He is a dynamic, evangelistic preacher. The influence he had on the church was enormous. He and his wife have been appointed as missionaries to Chile and are now in language school in Costa Rica. Two others from the church have applied as missionary journeymen and at least two plan to work in pioneer missions this summer."
"Bob Horner wears a size 14 shoe," Zeno Wells said, "but he is a big man in other ways, too. He had a real love for the people at Arlington Heights and got a response from them."
When Horner became pastor at Arlington Heights in 1972, there were 161 members and 150 in Sunday School. By 1977, there were 525 members and 567 enrolled in Sunday School. The church now has 590 members. There have been 28 additions since Hancock became pastor Nov. 1, 1977.
"The right leadership—well-trained leadership—can cause a church to grow," Wells believes. "This church has some of the most effective lay leaders I know about in a church anywhere. There are lots of young adults. There are teachers, bankers, businessmen, children's workers, who are absolutely tops in church leadership."

Jack Lee, Brotherhood director, thinks the church is growing "because the members honestly want to reach out to others who are not Christians. They really care about others." Vice-president of the Merchants and Marine Bank, he moved to Pascagoula from Indianapolis.
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Parley Reed, deacon and Sunday school teacher, believes the church is growing because "we honor the Lord and are making disciples." A retired military man, he is a postman.

"Our church is Bible-oriented," he added. "I preach straight expository sermons. People bring their Bibles and take notes during the sermons. And we have Children's Church. I feel sure that Margie Biglane, who heads our children's ministries, could go right to Nashville and step into a job at the Sunday School Board. She's great!"
If the church begins a bus ministry, as they hope to do, they will probably have to begin two Sunday Schools, or add more buildings.
In the blue-carpeted prayer room, the pastor pointed out the telephone, the recorder, the notebooks. He listened to a recorded message: "Twins born. Mother and babies fine."
"That's an answer to prayer," he said. "The expectant mother had not been doing well for several months." He entered a notation on a list of answered prayers.
"Our prayer ministry goes on 24 hours a day," Hancock said, "with persons volunteering for hour-long slots. When there is no one here, the request or other message is recorded. Then all requests are entered in notebooks so that those entering the room may remember the requests as they pray."

Church activities include softball and basketball teams, graded choirs, and a puppet ministry which is headed by Mary Anderson. "Reach Out," a discipleship program for youth, has been activated. A youth retreat was recently held at Paul Johnson State Park. Rusty Von Kanel, associate pastor, directs the youth activities. Noel Jacobs is minister of music. Barbara Tabor is church secretary.
"After church everybody stands around and talks. Nobody wants to go home," the pastor said. "Many who move here from other states tend to make the church their family. Our deacons' family ministry really ministers."

Joseph G. Hancock, Jr., who will be 29 on Feb. 14, came to Pascagoula from the pastorate of Six Mile Church, Six Mile, S.C. (He and Len Turner, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, another of the fastest growing churches in the state, were both born in Greenville, S.C., and attended the same grammar school.) Hancock graduated from Furman University and Southwestern Seminary. He was ordained in 1970, the year after he married Pamela Welch.
He has had experience as a pastor, associate pastor, minister of youth, and evangelist.
Of Arlington Heights he says, "I believe our fastest growing years are just ahead."

Von Kanel agreed and added, "Next year I think we'll be No. 1."

Fire Destroys Home Of Kermit Sharp
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estimates amounted to about \$20,000 on the contents and about \$20,000 on the building. It was pretty well covered by insurance, he indicated.
Sharp said he discovered the fire early. Another five minutes, he said, and the entire building, including the office, would have been gone. What was not burned in the home was ruined by heat, smoke, and water damage, he said. The office and its contents suffered only minimal smoke damage.
The fire seemed to have been caused by electric wire which operated a new automatic type of wood heater.
The Sharp family is living in a residence owned by the church across the street from their home until the family dwelling can be restored. He paid tribute to the Christian people of the community for their help to his family during the crisis. Many people were very generous in their contributions to meet the needs, he said.

Jesus . . .

There Is Just Something About That Name!

By Dennis Johnsey
What does a trumpet player, a PhD in psychology, a retired businessman, a journalist, a trombone player, and a Mississippi preacher have in common? I asked myself that question as 12 other pastors joined this group on a plane bound for Africa. Through the weeks that followed I found the common bond between these men—Jesus. Strange how God can use all types to spread His word. He does and in a mighty way. Each of these men had the urgency to spread the message of Christ. I was thankful that I was one of these ambassadors for Christ.

The last thing I expected to do last fall was make a trip to Africa. In April my church had allowed me to go to the Philippines on a mission trip. I thought my traveling was done for the year until one Tuesday evening I received a call from James Cecil, a representative of the Foreign Mission Board. He simply asked, "Dennis, how would you like to go to Africa?" There was a short pause on my end of the line and with no reply James went on to explain the trip. Fifteen preachers and three musicians were going to Zambia to preach in a crusade. There had been a cancellation and I was being asked to go. Filled with excitement, I was somewhat hesitant to reply. My first thoughts had been with my duties as a pastor. James advised me to talk with the church and he would call again on Thursday.

WIN School

Our church had just finished a WIN School in June. We were meeting every Wednesday night as a Disciples class. All the deacons had been contacted to meet with these disciples following our prayer service. After I had introduced the proposal the floor was opened to discussion. One deacon spoke, "Well, we were told to go to the ends of the world and preach the gospel. This is what we want."

Another said, "Our trust fund for mission preaching was given for these causes. We have been praying to this end and if we say no, God may just close the doors."

A lady asked, "Do you want to go?" With that I replied, "I am like a horse biting at the bit in his mouth. I would love to go." A motion was made. The vote was cast. No opposition was given. What an unselfish church! I thanked the Lord that night for Mantee Baptist Church, a church that was willing to go to great lengths to share Jesus.

Group Fellowship

Many things happened after I left Mantee. There was the fellowship the group shared during our travel. There were the experiences I had visiting Copenhagen, Rome, Nairobi, and London. There was the joy I had preaching to people in Zambia. There was the great response of those who accepted Christ when the invitations were given. All of this was made possible because a church was bold in her mission to share Christ.

One experience I shall cherish forever. We were at the Baptist seminary in Lusaka before we left for our preaching stations. After a hard day of getting acquainted with the African way of life, we wanted to pray before we left. There in that room was Richard Grammer. He was a factory worker from Chattanooga, Tenn. and had come to play his trumpet. Dr. Jack McEwen, pastor of First Baptist Church Chattanooga, sat in the back of the room. His doctorate is in psychology. Amos Swanger, a retired businessman, was sitting beside him. Across from Amos was Jim Newton, a writer for the Brotherhood Commission. Art Werner, only 18 years old, who played the trombone was sitting next to Richard. Along with these were missionaries, area pastors, the other preachers, and this one from Mississippi.

Sang and Prayed

We sang before we prayed. Our song

was that beautiful song, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. There is just something about that name. Master, Savior, Jesus like the fragrance after the rain. . . Kings and kingdoms shall all pass away, but there's just something about that name."

After we sang we got on our knees and prayed. First, a preacher from Malawi prayed. Then Rev. Ben Ekhtor from Nigeria led in prayer. Daniel Thiuri of Kenya and Waddy Shibemba of Zambia followed in prayer. A missionary, Norman Wood, prayed representing the men from America. At that moment kings and kingdoms did pass away. Men from different backgrounds, countries and interests gathered to pray and work because of Jesus. That is why the people of Mantee Baptist Church sent me as an ambassador. Jesus, there is just something about that name.

Dennis Johnsey is pastor of Mantee Baptist Church.



Pastor Thomas Musamba and Dennis Johnsey standing outside the Chingola East Baptist Church. This church participated in the Zambia Crusade.

Radio-TV Spots Tell What Baptists Believe

FORT WORTH (BP) — A series of 30-second spot announcements featuring Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) leaders telling "What Baptists Believe" is one of the latest efforts in the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust to evangelize the world by the end of the century.

The spot announcements, produced by the SBC Radio and Television Commission for use on radio or television, present Baptist viewpoints about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, salvation, baptism, sin, the church, the Lord's Supper, and the Lord's Day.

Recognized SBC leaders are featured in the spots. They include Porter Routh and W. Ches Smith of the SBC Executive Committee; Grady Cothen, Sunday School Board; William Tanner, Home Mission Board; Paul M. Stevens, Radio-TV Commission; Carolyn Weatherford and Christine Gregory, Woman's Missionary Union; Foy Valentine, Christian Life Commission; Darold Morgan, Annuity Board; Hollis E. Johnson III of the Southern Baptist Foundation; and James E. Wood Jr. of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"These spots are suitable for local church use on television, radio or cable television, or even for in-house teaching," said W. C. Woody, vice president of the commission's special projects department, which produced the spots and have them available upon request.

"They also may be expanded to 60 seconds by a local church which wants to encourage people to attend church or use some other message," he said. Each of the 30-second segments has room at the end for the local church to tag in its name and address.

FEBRUARY, 1978

Sunday School	<p>WORKER TRAINING Associational Training Schools may be conducted in local associations studying the "Working With" series. Resource material will be found in <i>Outreach</i>, January, 1978.</p> <p>February 1 — Make reservations for one of four Sunday School Mini-sessions at Gulfshore Assembly. (See Gulfshore schedule, page 26 in Planbook and page 49 in Baptist Diary)</p>
Church Training	<p>CONDUCT A "SPECIAL TRAINING NEEDS" INVENTORY Through all adult and youth Sunday School departments conduct a survey to identify special needs of the church which can be converted into Church Training program planning for the April-June or October-December quarters. These might be: deacon training, parent-teen relationships, the church and the single again, the one-parent family, study of a specific doctrine, etc.</p>
Church Music	<p>MUSIC TALENT CELEBRATION FELLOWSHIP Involve as many people as possible with various music talents in a churchwide event.</p> <p>HYMN OF THE MONTH "Jesus Is Lord of All," Hymn #353, New Baptist Hymnal</p>
Brotherhood	<p>CONDUCT A FOCUS ON MINISTRY SURVEY Using the "Mission Action Survey Guide" and "Focus on Ministry" materials, churches may identify and select one or more mission ministry projects for the year.</p>
Woman's Missionary Union	<p>WMU FOCUS WEEK, FEBRUARY 12-18 Emphasis on WMU given to entire church membership. Plans will be given in January-March issue of <i>Dimension</i> magazine.</p> <p>CHURCHWIDE STUDY OF THE HOME MISSION GRADED SERIES BOOKS, FEBRUARY 19-22 Plans and suggestions given in January-March issue of <i>Dimension</i> magazine.</p>
Evangelism	<p>ACTIVATE INACTIVE RESIDENT MEMBERS Each deacon is given the responsibility of ministering to 12 to 15 church member families. He can identify those who are active and inactive and involve other church members capable of filling the needs of these members. All may encourage participation in the life of the church.</p>
Stewardship	<p>REMINDERS Distribute stewardship tract at morning worship service. Place information on Cooperative Program dollar distribution in your church publications or order and distribute tracts on this from your state Stewardship Department.</p>
Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries	<p>REMINDER, FEBRUARY 1 Order literature for April, May and June.</p>

Jack Lee, bank vice-president and Brotherhood director, helps redecorate the Sunday School room for a couples' class.



Margie Biglane, director of the church's ministry to children, said, "The Lord is blessing us, and the people are willing to work hard." She is pictured at the day care center where she works. With her is Maurie McPherson, whose father is chairman of deacons and mother a member of the associational missions committee.

The gifts to State Missions Week of Prayer (Margaret Lackey) are listed as received from January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1977 with 868 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$216,962.45

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Baptists Give Gifts To All S. C. Prisoners

The convention sponsored a similar project last December, which distributed about 10,500 packages to prisoners. Prison authorities are enthusiastic about the program, Miss Popham said.

Magee was appointed in November 1970 and served in Chile prior to working in Colombia. He is a graduate of William Carey College, and before overseas appointment was a minister of music at a church in Gulfport. Mrs. Magee, the former Delores Bradley of Gulfport, is also a William Carey graduate.

NAMES IN THE NEWS



Hugh Barham, second left, was honored recently on his retirement as music director of Liberty Church in Kemper County, after 41 years of faithful service. Barham receives a gift and certificate of appreciation at a reception in his honor from the pastor, Malcolm Lewis, right. From left are Patsy Key, pianist, Barham, Anita Thompson, organist, Mrs. Barham, and Lewis. Barham has also served as deacon at Liberty for many years.

Lewis Parrish, pastor of Camp Ground Church, Water Valley, preached the ordination sermon on Jan. 1 for Terry Buford, new pastor of First Church, Opheim, Mont. The ordination service was held at Cross Roads Church,

Bells, Tn. Paul Bryant, former pastor at Belen, is pastor at Bells. Buford reports that the work in Montana is growing. He adds, "I am grateful to the Mississippi Brotherhood for their gift of a new suit for all the Montana pastors."



Dedicates Pastor's Home

First Church of Crystal Springs recently dedicated a new pastorial home. The new home has a living-dining room, a large den with fireplace, a kitchen, a breakfast area, a study, three bedrooms, and two and one-half baths. There is also a completely furnished "Prophet's Room" across the carport from the main part of the house. All appliances, the carpets, and the draperies for each room were installed by the church and were paid for by special designated gifts, some of which were memorial gifts. A portion of the large lot on which the new pastorial home was constructed was also given as a memorial.

Church Plans 50,000 Members Through Its 'House Ministry'

TULSA, Okla. (BP) — Members of Tulsa's Eastwood Baptist Church have adopted a "House Ministry" concept they expect will increase their membership to 50,000 in 10 years.

But instead of bringing prospects to the church, Eastwood's 25 buses will be used to take teachers to surrounding areas to lead worship and Bible study in the homes of members.

"This will involve our deacons in an intensive training program," explained Tom Elliff, Eastwood's pastor. "Each will have responsibility for four or five house ministries and they will, in a sense, become the pastor of those groups. The people would worship together at the church only once a week — and that not necessarily on Sunday. If this program goes the way we think it will, there will not be enough room to get them all together at one time."

Eastwood's membership, identified by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as one of the convention's fastest growing, went from 1,640 in 1972 to 3,346 in 1976. They have burgeoning ministries among migrants, personal counseling, crisis closet, legal aid, ex-offenders, deaf and a mobile television unit.

To buy enough land on which to build a facility large enough to accommodate these ministries, would have cost \$750,000. An effort was made to raise that amount. Elliff said, "Our people made unbelievable sacrifices, but we couldn't reach the amount we needed, so we gave that money back to every member who would accept it. The ministers and deacons decided this was God's way of telling us he didn't intend our spending that kind of money on buildings, so we decided to go another way."

The "other way" involves the church renting most of adjacent Lindbergh Elementary School on Sundays, and leasing or buying space in shopping centers with a mile radius of the church.



Beyond the Ironing Board

With Fondler

Some of my favorite non-people creatures are the squirrels whose nests high up in our pine trees established them as residents long before we moved into the neighborhood. Skittish little scampers, fleeing with hop-skip-jump speed when birds, dogs, and human beings threaten with their presence, the squirrels seem to get fatter each year. It may well be that Dusty, our poodle, who was many months in accepting the presence of the squirrels in her domain, sees to it that neighborhood dogs are run off before they get all the scraps we put out for our squirrels. It may well be, too, that the squirrels sense our attitude toward them, and feel at home enough to help themselves to anything around the place.

For instance, before Christmas we picked up a sack of hickory nuts from James' mother's back yard in Louisville and thought we would pick out some. A friend said he always heard that hard times had really come when folks used hickory nuts — which I thought, incidentally, for years were hickory nuts — but we assured him that our need for nuts came from a lack of pecans. We put the sack of hickory nuts on the carport. Every morning we noticed a pile of the black outer hulls on the pavement. It was too late when we had time to do something with the hickory nuts, for we found that the squirrels had used them for Christmas and New Year parties. I would love to know if their teeth are duller or sharper after getting the food out of the hard shells.

The interesting part to me, however, is that they did not carry the black hull on that long trek to their hiding place. Their instinctive evaluation made them know what was good and what was worthless.

Wouldn't it be easier if we had better use of our instinctive powers? Then we wouldn't be carrying around in our minds and hearts, in our ambitions and goals, in our human and spiritual relationships so many worthless black hulls.

Staff Changes

Robert E. Wall has accepted the call of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, to serve as interim pastor and began in that capacity Jan. 1.

Wall is a native of Brookhaven. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He has served churches in Brookhaven and in Kalispell, Mont., and is currently director of church relations at Mississippi College. Wall received the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for his multi-media presentation "America, O America the Beautiful."

Emmanuel Church, Grenada, has called William M. Waddle as pastor. Waddle and family moved on the field Dec. 16, from Pleasant Hill Church, New Albany. Mrs. Waddle is the former Nadine Taylor of Golden. They have three children: Dudley, a student at Southern Seminary; Barbara, a student at Mississippi State University; and Patricia, a sophomore at Grenada High School. Waddle holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Blue Mountain College, the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Luther Rice Seminary.



Davis

Mt. Gilead Church (Lauderdale) has called Charles E. Davis, Sr. as pastor. He assumed responsibilities there Jan. 1. J. R. Davis of Meridian had been interim pastor. Davis came to Mt. Gilead from a six-year pastorate at East Louisville Church (Winston). A Graduate of Mississippi College, he is doing work with Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla. He has served other churches in Mississippi and Georgia. He is married to the former Betty Waldron and they have three children. Mt. Gilead welcomed the pastor and family with an old-fashioned pounding.

W. A. Troutman has been called as pastor of Beacon Church, Hattiesburg. He goes from Good Hope Church, Louisville, where he was pastor for four years.

If you are ever at a loss to support a flagging conversation, introduce the subject of eating. — Leigh Hunt

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Eastview Installs Church Chimes

Church chimes that have been installed at Eastview Church, Laurel, were first used on Christmas Day. The chimes are to be dedicated in memory of T. R. Coulter, Sr. who was pastor at Eastview for 16½ years, from 1961 to 1967. Coulter died on Jan. 3, 1977. Thomas Balch is the present pastor at Eastview.

You can construct the character of a man and his age not only from what he does and says, but from what he fails to say and do. — Norman Douglas.



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Macedonia Members Give A Day's Pay

Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, was challenged by Pastor Don Nerren to give a "day's pay" to the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering. The congregation accepted the challenge, and as of the second Sunday in January had given over \$3,400, and had begun looking at the \$4,000 mark.

This is the largest foreign mission offering the church has ever given. The pastor has already challenged the congregation to give a "week's pay" next year. Many of the people have already started special savings accounts so they will have the money ready next December.

Mrs. Gary Douglas is the WMU director.

Pine Grove Exceeds Goal

Pine Grove Church, Simpson County, exceeded its Lottie Moon goal of \$500 by giving \$712.87. This was an average of \$5.43 per resident member, according to B. E. Padgett, pastor.

Heucks Retreat Reaches Goal

Heucks Retreat Church, Lincoln County, reached its Lottie Moon offering goal of \$16,000 on Jan. 1. H. D. Swindall is pastor and Mrs. Cleve Terry is WMU director.

Ann's Comin' To Amory

Ann (I Love the Word Impossible) Kiemeel will speak at First Church, Amory, on Monday night, Feb. 20, from 8 to 9 p.m.

Rich Malone, minister of youth at Amory, states, "We would like to invite out of town churches to bring small groups. We will sell 200 tickets at \$3.00 each to such groups on a first come, first served basis."

"To my knowledge Ann has not spoken in many (if any) churches in Mississippi yet, but for those who have read one of her three books or listened to either of her tapes, she is certainly one of the most dynamic Christian witnesses and speakers to be found."

For information or tickets, write to Rich Malone, First Baptist Church, Box 242, Amory, MS 38821 (or call 256-7131 weekdays 9 to 5).

Holcomb Is Given New Steeple

The new steeple on top of the Holcomb Church was presented by Mrs. S. L. Moorhead as a memorial for her husband, S. L. (Red) Moorhead, who died in a tractor accident August, 1976.

Ivory Coast

Cox Helps Complete First Education Manual

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — A Mississippi missionary helped complete the first Theological Education by Extension (TEE) manual to be prepared and printed by Baptist Publications here.

The manual, "Sermon Building" by Paul Gericke, is a French translation prepared for use in Francophone Africa (French-speaking West African nations) and other French-language countries.

J. Larry Cox, a native of Lexington, Miss., worked with another missionary and a missionary journeyman to complete the manual. For the final stage, workers gathered in Cox's home to assemble pages, staple, and bind over 300 copies, according to Greta (Mrs. D. Edwin) Pinkston, a Southern Baptist missionary in Ivory Coast.

First in a series of 36, the manual represents several years of struggle and effort, says Mrs. Pinkston. Her husband, designated to do the work by the Francophone Conference of Baptist Missions in West Africa, began the manual in the fall of 1974. Work was interrupted by the death of a translator in Paris, France, who was helping.

Work began again after Southern Baptist Missionary Buddy V. Norville, coordinator for Baptist Publications in

Francophone Africa, arrived in Ivory Coast and secured a new translator to work on TEE manuals as well as on several Sunday School and correspondence course books.

Cox was minister of education at First Church, Vicksburg, when he was appointed in 1975.

Southside Marks 25th Birthday

Southside Church, Hattiesburg, will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 29. The church was organized Dec. 22, 1952.

Garland McInnis, first pastor at Southside, and pastor there for the church's first 20 years (now pastor emeritus) said that a guest speaker will be present for the morning service at 11 and a singing convention will be held in the afternoon from 2 to 4.

The church, which is debt free, is one of the comparatively few wooden frame churches still standing in the state.

Lloyd Thornton is the present pastor.

Devotional Community Spirit

By Foy Rogers, Director
Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

What has happened to the community spirit of yesteryears? It was a great day when everybody was somebody. Even people of questionable character had neighbors, and every community event was considered important. Even events such as hog killings, house raisings, political rallies, as well as church and school programs received good community support.

The nation in the early days was made up largely of rural people who were independent, self-reliant, noted for their character, devotion to religion and support of a caring community. These people have shaped this great democracy.

The conservative religious community became the proving ground for all our nation undertook in providing for education, religion, and personal self-fulfillment for everyone.

In the majority of the rural communities people do not consider themselves wealthy. Neither are they in dire poverty. Few are highly educated, but a very small percentage are illiterate. The people are intelligent, high-minded, and rational. As a general rule they seem to have a high degree of regard for the church, the ministry, and things pertaining to religion and character building.

It appears to me that small town and country communities are suffering most from the loss of primary relationships that formerly characterized the community spirit. What can be done to recapture that spirit? I merely suggest some things that might help.

First, it seems to me that the people must come to desire to recapture the community spirit. Second, they must work together involving as many people and community organizations as possible. This necessitates that someone take the initiative and work at the task. There are many stargazers who walk with us as long as we look at the stars but when we stub our toes on the clouds of reality, we fall down and get angry. We must remember that people out there in the countryside need the community just as we do. Thirdly, we must consider our needs, so after the resources and go to work to rediscover the community spirit which we have both cherished and longed for.

Stargazers who stub their toes and demotivators who first ask: "What will it cost?" are not the kind of leaders who will lead to success.

Graham Refutes Parts Of Interview

MINNEAPOLIS (BP) — Evangelist Billy Graham has responded to an interview in the January issue of McCall's magazine that he says may convey the idea he no longer believes all non-Christians are lost.

"The article correctly and clearly states what I intended when it says, 'Graham's essential message has not changed: He still preaches that all men are sinners and in need of conversion to Christ,'" Graham said in a statement released from Minneapolis.

"Contrary to what the article later suggests, I do believe that non-Christians are lost — whether they live in far off countries, or in America. My statement that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation pertains to the whole

human race."

Graham was quoted in the article by writer James Michael Beam as saying, "I used to believe that pagans in far-off countries were lost — were going to hell — if they did not have the gospel of Jesus Christ preached to them. I no longer believe that. I believe that there are other ways of recognizing the existence of God — through nature for instance — and plenty of other opportunities, therefore, of saying 'yes' to God."

Graham also said in the interview that because of his contacts with other denominational leaders he is "far more tolerant of other kinds of Christians" than he once was.

"Shrouds have no pockets." — Proverb

Clarke Gets Sears Grant

Clarke College has received a grant of \$400 from The Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The Foundation distributes grants to ten privately supported institutions in Mississippi each year.

The Mississippi colleges and universities are among almost 1,000 private accredited two and four year institutions across the country which are sharing \$1,500,000 in Sears Foundation funds for the 1977-78 academic year. Funds may be used without restriction as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

The check for the grant was presented to S. L. Harris, Clarke president, by R. T. Wall, manager of the Meridian Sears store; he was accompanied by Lewis Collins of the Newton Sears agency.

"Money is a good servant but a bad master." — Proverb

Off The Record

A FAST ONE

A Frenchman was relating his experience in studying the English language. He said: "When I first discovered that if I was quick, I was fast; that if I was fast, I was quick; if I spent too freely, I was fast; and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged. But when I came across the sentence, 'The first one won one one-dollar prize,' I gave up trying."

You often cook much more for dinner than we use, darling."

"Of course! If I didn't, how could I economize by making left-over dishes?"

A man who had just bought a plane was giving his wife her first ride. "What I like about traveling this way," he said, "is that all the strain is gone. There's lots of room once you get away from the airport, you don't have to worry about pedestrians, and there's no such thing as a traffic jam. Also," he continued with a smile, "I don't think I'll be troubled with back-seat driving up here."

Peering through the windshield, his wife snapped, "Watch out for those birds!"

A clergyman was in the habit of going up to his little girl's bedside each evening and telling her a story before she went to sleep.

One such evening he told her such a thrilling tale that the youngster sat up in bed, looked at her father and asked, "Daddy, is that a true story or are you preaching?"

The youngster was being chided for his low grades. As an alibi he said, "Well, all the boys at school got C's and D's, too."

"All of them?" he was cross questioned. "How about little Johnny Jones, who lives down the street?" "Oh, he got high grades," the youngster admitted. "But you see, he's different. He has two bright parents."

The time had come for the farm lad to start feeling his oats. He approached his father and said, "Dad I'm leaving home. I'm going to find fame, adventure, fortune — Don't try to stop me dad, my mind's made up." The old man jumped from his chair. "Who's trying to stop you!" he exclaimed. "I'm going with you boy!" — "The Lamp Light"

Uniform Lesson

God's Mighty Deeds Through Creation And Law

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr.
First, Newton
Psalms 19:1-14

The next five lessons in this series are based on passages from the Psalms. The Psalms are poetry and poetry is a form of literature employing figurative language. The characteristic of ancient Hebrew poetry was not rhyme or metre. It was a form of free verse and made use of parallelisms. The four types of parallelisms (saying the same thing in different words), antithetical (giving opposing ideas), synchthetical (one line forming the basis of the second) and comparative. The Psalms were the hymns of ancient Israel, and there are more quotations from them in the New Testament than from any other source.

Psalms 19 contains a dual emphasis. The first six verses focus on God's greatness as seen in creation, and verses seven through ten focus on His greatness in scripture with the closing verses expressing the psalmist's gratitude for God's Word. This dual emphasis in the psalm has led some to believe that the two parts of the psalm were originally separate. However, there is a unifying theme and that is the witness given to the greatness of God.

I. God's Greatness Is Seen In His Word Verses 1-4

The first stanza of the psalm is a general expression of how God's creative handwork witnesses to His greatness (verses 1-4a). All that the Lord has done creatively bears witness to the greatness of the Creator. This was Paul's emphasis in Romans 1:20. The heavens (the great expanse of space) and the firmament (the atmosphere above the earth) continually tell and proclaim God's glory and ability (verse 1). Both day and night offer their eloquent testimony about the God who spoke in creation and divided the light and darkness (Genesis 1:14-19).

The words of the third verse are translated two different ways. Some see them as a statement declaring that the witness of creation to God's glory is a silent one—"there is no speech . . . nor words." Other translators see the message that the witness given by the creation is a universal one—it is given to men of every speech and language.

That God's witness in creation is indeed universally given is the truth stated in verse 4.

The second stanza of this psalm focuses on one example of God's great creative power—the sun (verses 4b-6). The Lord has made a dwelling ("tent") for the sun in the heavens that declare His glory (verse 4b). The sun is likened to a "bridegroom" and "a strong man" (verse 5). Both images speak of the fresh, lusty strength of a young man. The sun has a set course to run and goes from one end of heaven to the other. Of course, the sun does not literally traverse a set course, but even today we speak of the sunrise and sunset. The psalmist's point in the example of the sun is the fact that it has a part in giving creation's witness about the Lord God.

II. God's Greatness Is Seen In His Word Verses 7-14

The stanzas of this division of the psalm focus on the description, desire and dividends of God's Word. First, the description is given in verses 7-9. The psalmist used different words to identify scripture. He called the Word "the law" (literally instruction), "the testimony," "the precepts" (or orders), "the commandments," "Ordnances" and "fear." The last designation speaks of the reverence one should have for the Word because of all it is. A further description of the scriptures is given in a threefold fashion. The scriptures are complete and cover everything ("perfect"). The scriptures are correct ("sure," "right" and "true"). Also, the scriptures are clean, or contain no uncleanness ("pure" and "clean").

This description of God's Word is a mighty affirmation about the comprehensiveness of scripture. It presents God's Word as the trust-worthy guide for life. A woman in a time of personal crisis wrote, "I feel as if I am walking a tightrope where one false step means disaster." Life can be compared to such an experience and there are so many situations in which just one misstep can mean disaster. However, the Lord has given man a word upon which he can fully depend.

Second, the psalmist declared that God's Word is to be desired above all else (verse 10). Men desire gold (or

wealth), but the Word of God is more valuable than material wealth. Honey is a source of sweetness, but the Word of God is sweeter. When John was told to take the scroll from the angel and eat it, he found it to be sweet as honey in his mouth (Revelation 10:9-10).

The average copy of the Bible does not cost very much. But the Book has a value greater than any other material possession in the world. Its value is not because of the material with which it is made, but the message which it contains.

Third, the psalmist spoke of the per-

sonal dividends he had experienced because of the scriptures (verses 11-14). He had been warned by the word and his life had been blessed as a result of obedience (verse 11). But there were other dangers to be faced, namely hidden faults which threatened his life (verse 12), and presumptuous sins which can so easily become one's master (verse 13). Thus the writer realized his continuing need of the searching and convicting light of scripture. The psalm closes with the plea that the writer's life would always be acceptable to God (verse 14).

Cold At North Pole Doesn't Slow Baptist Church Down

By Lee Holloway

NORTH POLE (BP) — With the thermometer stuck at 55 degrees below zero, even the staunchest Southern Baptist might be tempted to stay in on Sunday morning, but Johnny Lee McCoy of First Baptist Church here considers it "just another Sunday."

On such a Sunday just before Christmas, the North Pole church's seven buses all were in operation, helping swell attendance past 400. About 180 of those people made it back for Church Training that night.

"The cold doesn't slow anything down," says McCoy, the church's assistant pastor and bus director. "We just go right on."

Drawing from two nearby military installations, the church's attendance sometimes almost equals the total population of this small town 12 miles southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska.

It was not the cold but a felt need for more education that led McCoy to consider leaving Alaska last summer after nine years here, the last two fulltime on the church staff.

"I feel that education is a must. Education, I believe, does not make you a preacher, but it will further the knowledge needed to be in the ministry," says McCoy. He had completed more than two years of study at Oklahoma Baptist University before he entered military service and moved to Alaska.

But McCoy found a way to avoid

leaving his ministry and the result was that the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist seminaries received some unexpected mail in Nashville from the North Pole less than a week before Christmas. Enclosed was McCoy's enrollment request for a series of 16 college-level courses.

By signing up for all 16 courses needed for the Seminary Extension Department's Diploma in Pastoral Ministries at one time, McCoy can "freeze" the cost of fees and texts at their present level — a technique that somehow seems compatible with both the North Pole and an economical way to enhance ministry.



School Children Get Clower Books

Mississippi's public school children got a Christmas present this year because of a special tribute to television and recording star Jerry Clower of Yazoo City. As a Christmas gift for Jerry, his manager Tandy Rice of Nashville donated copies of Jerry's best seller "Ain't God Good" to every high school library in Mississippi. There are 282 high schools in the state's educational system. Rice explained, "Because of Jerry's love of young people and his long standing interest in public education, we felt this gift would have an extra special significance." Rice presented the books to State Superintendent of Education Dr. Charles E. Holladay in Jackson for distribution to the schools.